irrigation system was handed over to Government? Was he not a Maistry from the very beginning of the irrigation system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not know.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I know.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Then there is no necessity to ask that question.

President.—You should not think that the Chief Engineer has accepted your knowledge.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have these Maistries to do any spade work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Their duty is to inspect the canals, to see to the distribution of water and at times spade work also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have they to do spade work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, sometimes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—My information is that they have to get such work done by some other persons.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They do it sometimes themselves. I do it sometimes.

Supply of water in Chittur.

290. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what all steps the Government have taken or proposed to take for the continuous supply of water for purposes of irrigation in Chittur ;

(b) whether it is the expert opinion that Chittur river is incapable of supplying water for irrigation throughout the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b). The Chittur river unaugmented by storage is incapable of supplying water to the existing ayacut throughout the year. In years of comparatively low rainfall, the river is incapable of supplying water to the ayacut even during the cultivation season. Storage reservoir sites have to be examined and Government are taking action in this direction.

Murder Cases.

291. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many cases of murder have been reported to the Police in the years 1101, 1102 and 1103 and the names of the Police Stations, within the jurisdiction of which they have taken place ;

(b) of these how many were charged by the Police and how many ended in (i) conviction and (ii) acquittal ;

(c) how were the cases not charged by the Police disposed of and what are those cases and why were no charges laid in these cases ?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Conference of Bus Owners.

292. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what were the grievances that were represented in the conference of the bus owners that was held on 30th Kanni 1104 :

(2) have the Government taken any step towards redressing those grievances ; if so, what are they ; if not, why not;

(3) were there any representations by anybody to the Commissioner of Police to stop the system of engaging certain persons by bus and boat people to capture passengers to their respective buses and boats ;

(4) has the Commissioner of Police done anything towards stopping such a system ;

(5) how many bus services are there running between Ernakulam and Kottayam ;

(6) does any one of these bus services belong to a Cochinite ;

(7) which service is given preference to start first from Ernakulam after the arrival of the trains ;

(8) how long is it since that service is enjoying this preference to start first ;

(9) were there any written representations from a Cochinite bus owner to the effect that his bus should be given preference to start first; if so, what orders have been passed on them ;

(10) are there any special reasons to give preference to start first to bus services owned by Travancoreans ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) None.

(2) No answer is necessary in view of that to part (1).

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) Three.

(6) No.

(7) This depends upon the trains concerned.

(8), (9) and (10). No answer is necessary in view of the above answers.

Bus service in the State.

293. Mr. M. K. Raman.—(a) Will the Government kindly answer the following of the motor bus service in the State, how many are owned by Cochinites and how many by outsiders ;

(b) are the local enterprises given any encouragement by the Government ;

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to question No. 291).

Statement showing particulars of murder cases reported in the years 1101 to 1103.

Year	Total No. of cases reported	Names of Police Stations within the jurisdiction of which the offence was committed	No. of cases reported	Particulars of cases			Particulars of cases not charged, how such cases were disposed of and why no charges were laid in them
				Charged	Convicted	Acquitted	
		(a)		(b)	(b i)	(b ii)	(c)
1101	8	Trippunittura ..	1	1	1	....	
		Ernakulam Cusba ..	2	2	2	....	
		Cochin Cusba ...	1	1	1	....	
		Cranganur ..	1	1	...	1	
		Irinjalakkuda ..	1	1	..	1	
		Trichur Cusba ...	1	1	1	....	
		Vadakkancheri ...	1	1	1	...	
						....	
1102	9	Cochin Cusba ...	2	2	2		
		Cranganur ...	1	1	..	1	
		Chalakkudi ..	2	1	1		In one case, viz., crime 37 of 1102, in which a husband stabbed his wife to death and committed suicide the case had to be dropped.
		Urakam ..	1	1	..		
		Vadakkancheri ..	1	1	1		
		Chittur ...	2	2	1		
1103	8	Trippunittura ...	1	1	1	....	
		Irinjalakkuda ..	2	2	1	...	
		Trichur Cusba ..	2	1	1	....	In one case, crime No. 49 of 1103, Mulakunnattukavu murder case, the investigation is still continued.
		Vadakkancheri ..	1	1	1	....	
		Chittur ..	1	1	..	....	
		Nemmara ...	1	1	1	....	

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